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## Omaha Attorney Speaks At Birthday Banquet



Seymour L. Smith

Mr. Seymour L. Smith, attorney of Omaha, Neb., was the featured speaker at the Bryan birthday and founders' day banquet held on Saturday, March 9. As a young lawyer Mr. Smith was a personal friend and admirer of William Jennings Bryan. His address included recollections of these early associations. He was accompanied to Dayton by Mrs. Smith.

Dr. Mercer and C. P. Swafford, the college attorney, met Mr. Smith in Lincoln, Neb., last year in connection with the settlement of the Allen estate in which Bryan College was one-half residuary legatee. Mr. Smith was attorney representing William Jennings Bryan, Jr.

The decorations and the theme for the Bryan birthday banquet centered around the college seal and the emblems inscribed upon it. These included a lion, the seven-branched candelabra, the lamp of knowledge, the open Bible, and a crown in auxiliary position to the cross of Christ, under the motto, "Christ Above All."

Guests for the banquet included trustees, members of the advisory committee, alumni, as well as faculty, staff and students.

## BIBLE CONFERENCE TO BEGIN EASTER

The thirty-second annual Bible conference scheduled to begin on Easter Sunday, April 14, will feature Bible studies, practical instruction in how to carry on a Christian witness, a clinic on cults, and a ministry of Christian music. Dr. Norman W. Paullin, professor of evangelism and pastoral ministry at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, will carry out the first two objectives; Rev. Walter R. Martin, author, lecturer, and Bible teacher, will conduct a conference clinic on such cults as Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, and Christian Science; and the musical ministry will be directed by Allen B. Jewett, dean of students, and Kyle Wilson, minister of music and youth at First Baptist Church, Pontiac, Michigan.

The conference will open on Easter afternoon with a 3:00 P.M. concert of sacred music. John Peterson's cantata, "Behold the King," will be given by the college choir directed by Mr. Jewett. An organ concert of sacred music will be given on Good Friday evening by Bene Hammel of Chattanooga, young virtuoso who has attracted considerable national attention.

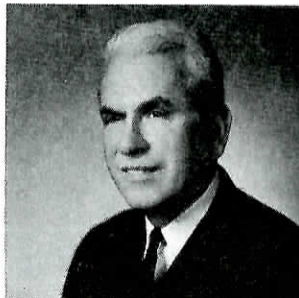
Dr. Paullin will preach the opening sermon of the six-day conference on Easter Sunday night with a number of local churches cooperating in a union service at the Rhea Central

High School Auditorium. He will speak twice daily, Monday through Thursday; and Mr. Martin will begin the clinic on cults on Monday and will continue with daily sessions through Friday. Mr. Wilson will direct the congregational singing and furnish special music, assisted by Mrs. Wilson and Miss Donna Hirsch, the other members of his musical team, the Gospel Echoes Trio.

### Dr. Paullin

Dr. Paullin earned both the bachelor of arts and the bachelor of divinity degrees at Eastern Seminary. He has been in the ministry for thirty-five years. During that time he served several churches in the Pennsylvania-New Jersey area including the First Baptist Church of Asbury, N. J., and the Baptist Temple of Philadelphia. He has been a member of the faculty of his alma mater since 1954. His present activities include directorships on the board of the American and Foreign Bible Society and National Religious Broadcasters, Inc. He is active on many committees and commissions of the American Baptist Convention of which he is a former vice president. He has conducted many evangelistic campaigns including preaching missions for the Armed Forces in this country, England, Scotland, and France. In 1961, he spent six months on sabbatic leave at the

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Dr. Norman W. Paullin



Rev. Walter R. Martin



Gospel Echoes Trio



# STUDENT GUEST WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS INCREASED ENROLLMENT PROSPECTS

The fourth annual student guest weekend on February 8-10 attracted forty prospective students from eight states. The visitors enjoyed a taste of college life as they stayed in the dormitories, attended an all-college valentine party, took the American College Testing program, saw the

## Communism Study Supports Bryan Citizenship Training

In the month of February the student body, faculty and staff of Bryan engaged in a study of communism based on the well-known book, *What We Must Know About Communism* by Harry and Bonaro Overstreet, originally published in 1958. A paperback edition plus a set of study helps were distributed to each person at the college.

On February 22 at the chapel period the entire college family met in small discussion groups of not more than 20 persons. In the evening at a special assembly Dr. Ronald O. Moore, assistant professor of history at the University of Chattanooga, was guest lecturer. Dr. Moore's experience as an information specialist with the 1st Radio Broadcasting and Leaflet Group (Psychological Warfare) in Japan, where he edited a weekly newsheet to drop behind the communist lines in North Korea, as well as his current teaching of Russian history at the University of Chattanooga, provided pertinent background for his lecture.

Prior to D Day (D for discussion) the campus had seen an ever-changing array of posters alerting the college family to the reading project. In addition, the NBC network White Paper telecasts had been made available to the students.



Mrs. Bentley

This project, which is part of the college program of citizenship training, was under the direction of the Honors Reading Group, of which Mrs. Blair Bentley, an instructor in English, is director.

Bryan Lions win a basketball game, shared in the semi-formal banquet climaxed with excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Mikado," and heard Dean Karl Keefer speak at the spiritual life vesper service on Sunday afternoon. The student guests came from Florida, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, besides Tennessee.

The contacts by the field representatives, Howell E. Hammer in Florida and Col. Francis J. Goatley in other states, plus the continued program of publicity and advertising have brought a substantial increase in prospective enrollment for next September. At this time applications received to date are more than double the number received by this time last year.

Since last fall Col. Goatley has contacted approximately 75 high schools in seven states, interviewing the principal or guidance counsellor in each school. He is participating in college day programs in a number of these schools in addition to special college day events at the Marcus Hook Baptist church in Linwood Park, Pa., March 16, and at the First Baptist Church in Asbury Park, N. J., April 19. He plans to attend the National Association of Evangelicals Convention in Buffalo, N. Y., April 22-25, where the College will also have a display booth.



Miss Ruth Huston



Dr. Irving Jensen

## Two New Books Released By Bryan College Authors

Two Bryan connected persons, Miss Ruth Huston, a trustee, and Dr. Irving L. Jensen, professor and chairman of the department of Bible, have had books published recently.

Miss Huston of Hyden, Ky., and Winter Park, Fla., has released the autobiographical account of her missionary experience in eastern Kentucky under the intriguing title, *Observations of God's Timing in the Kentucky Mountains*.

Dr. Jensen's volume, *Independent Bible Study*, is a guide to the personal study of the Scriptures using the analytical chart and inductive method.

Both of these books are a contribution to the Christian literature of our times and are well worth reading. Miss Huston's book may be secured from the Scripture Memory Mountain Mission, Emmalena, Ky., to which she has assigned any profits from its sale. Dr. Jensen's volume, published by Moody Press, and available in religious bookstores, may be secured through the Bryan Bookstore. Each retails at \$3.50.



The high school visitors pictured above came from eight states for a week-end experience of college life at Bryan.





Shown above is a musical ensemble which will fill appointments in Georgia and Florida during a ten-day spring tour. They are, left to right standing: Dennis Williams, trumpeter, Irving, Texas; Professor L. Donald Hill, baritone, St. Louis, Mo., director of the group; Tom Ashworth, tenor and trombonist, Kettering, Ohio; seated: Barbara Gerkin, soprano, Knoxville, Tenn.; David Pierceall, bass, Collingswood, N. J.; and Mrs. Nancy Pierceall, pianist, Glendon, N. C.

## Itinerary of Ensemble

### MARCH

- 23—Youth for Christ  
Atlanta, Ga.
- 24—(A.M.) Grace Bible Chapel  
Atlanta, Ga.
- 24—(P.M.) Emmanuel Presbyterian  
Church, Atlanta, Ga.
- 25—The Anchorage, Albany, Ga.
- 26—Sycamore Baptist Church,  
Sycamore, Ga.
- 27—Third Street Baptist Church  
Cordele, Ga.
- 28—Open
- 29—Yalaha Community Church
- 30—Youth for Christ  
Orlando, Fla.
- 31—(A.M.) Faith Baptist Church  
Orlando, Fla.
- 31—(P.M.) First Baptist Church  
Bellview, Fla.

Two teams of Gospel Messengers will travel as Bryan College representatives during the spring vacation March 22-31 in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia. Appointments include Youth for Christ rallies in Birmingham, Orlando, and Atlanta.

The mixed quartet pictured below will also be on tour this summer from June 10 through August 15, and

a second team consisting of a male quartet is being booked for summer engagements. It is tentatively planned to send one of these teams into the West and Midwest and the second group into the North and East. Pastors or other friends in these areas who may wish to book a team should write immediately to the Public Relations Office of the College.

## Itinerary of Mixed Quartet

### MARCH

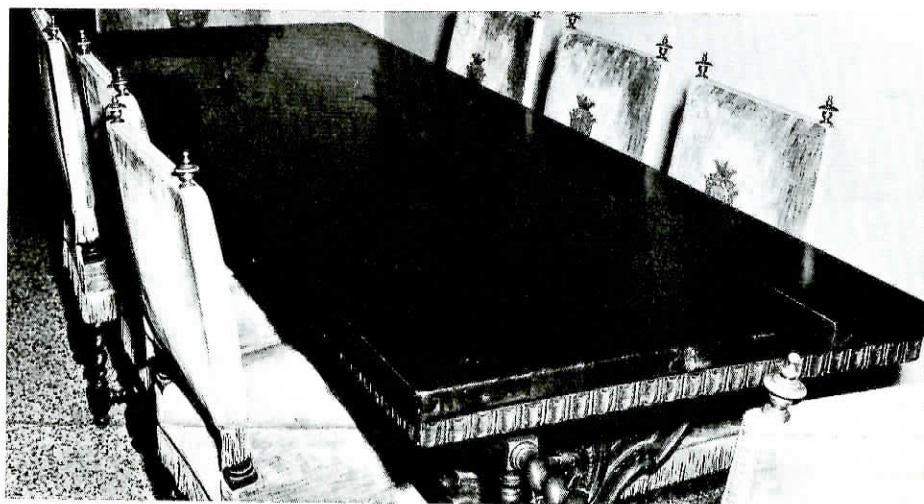
- 22—
- 23—Youth for Christ  
Birmingham, Ala.
- 24—(A.M.) Christian & Missionary  
Alliance, Bessemer, Ala.
- 24—(P.M.) Open
- 25—The Anchorage, Albany, Ga.
- 26—Grace Fellowship Church  
Range, Ala.
- 27—Trinity Baptist Church  
Jacksonville, Fla.
- 28—  
Sebring, Fla.
- 29—Grace Baptist Church  
Sarasota, Fla.
- 30—  
Sebring, Fla.
- 31—(A.M.) Wildwood Baptist  
Church, Bartow, Fla.
- 31—(P.M.) Evangelical Free Church  
Lakeland, Fla.



The mixed quartet and their accompanist pictured above will travel with Col. Francis J. Goatley, a Bryan field representative. The student members of the team are: Winston Woodward, bass, Greenville, S. C.; Judith Frappier, soprano, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Peggy Neece, alto and pianist, Elkhart, Ind.; Walter Culbertson, tenor, Dayton, Tenn.; and Carol Lyons, pianist and soprano, St. Petersburg, Fla.



# College Receives Antique Italian Furniture And Oil Painting of Del Sarto's Holy Family



The carved walnut table and chairs are part of the gift of 400-year-old Italian furniture moved recently from an Italian villa in Florida.

Through the generosity of Mrs. Stephen H. Leshner of Philadelphia and the friendship of her niece, Mrs. D. C. Haynes of Fort Pierce, Florida, Bryan College has become the proud owner of twelve pieces of fine antique Italian furniture plus an oil painting.

The collection consists of the following:

- 8 16th Century rope carved Italian dining chairs, upholstered in antique gold velvet with gold crest
- 2 16th Century Italian walnut carved credenzas—two drawers and two doors—ornately carved in relief
- 1 Large 18th Century Italian walnut carved credenza with three drawers and three doors
- 1 16th Century Italian walnut ornately carved banquet table with stretcher
- 1 Oil painting, Italian school, copy of Andrea Del Sarto's "The Holy Family"

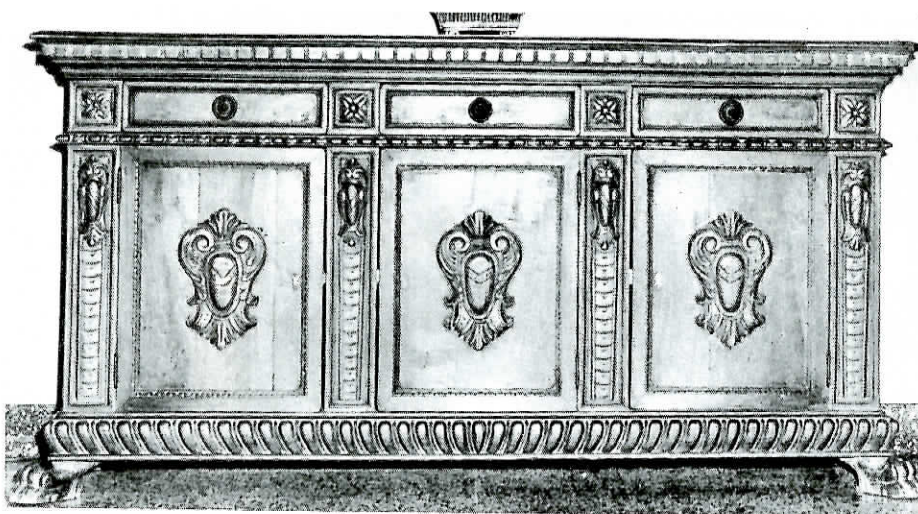
In the appraisal of these items the George S. Baker Company, formerly of Atlanta and now of Vero Beach, Fla., commented as follows:

"Of the fine antiques listed almost every item has its counterpart in either the Metropolitan Museum or the Victoria and Albert Museum in London. Without a doubt some of these pieces are the rarest and most difficult objects of Continental art and craftsmanship to find either here or abroad. Therefore, it is a commendable gesture on the part of the donor to make it possible to allow the public to enjoy their beauty."

A small credenza has been placed

in the private dining room of the College, a large credenza in the main hall of the administration building and the set of eight chairs, table and the other small credenza are on exhibit in the small lobby just off the main lobby of the administration building. The aluminum and glass partition of this room makes for an excellent exhibit area. The oil painting attributed to a pupil of Del Sarto is exhibited in this room also.

A feature article concerning this gift of antique furniture appeared in the magazine section of the *Chattanooga News-Free Press* on Saturday, February 23, written by Mrs. Helen McDonald Exum.



The large credenza occupies a prominent place in the main lobby under the large portrait of Sallman's "Head of Christ."

## Illness-Accident Report

W. Gettys Guille, trustee from Salisbury, N. C., and son of Bryan's first president, suffered serious injuries recently while caring for his riding horses. As a result, Mr. Guille underwent surgery in Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, N. C. He is reported recuperating satisfactorily at his home in Salisbury.

Mrs. Roy Adams, wife of trustee Roy Adams, Sale Creek, is now at home after lengthy hospitalization in Chattanooga. Mrs. Adams suffered extensive hemorrhage and paralysis from a stroke several weeks ago.

Mrs. E. B. Arnold sustained a broken hip in a fall in her ladies' ready-to-wear store in Dayton several weeks ago. After hospitalization in Chattanooga she has continued recovery at her home in Dayton. The doctor reports that in six weeks Mrs. Arnold achieved recovery normal for three months. She is now beginning to resume a part-time schedule of outside activities.

Mr. Howell E. Hammer of Orlando, Fla., who is representing Bryan in the state of Florida has recovered from his accident of last fall. His return to active work in the field has been delayed on account of the illness of Mrs. Hammer, who, however, is improving.

### 1963 COMMENCEMENT

Sun., June 2—Baccalaureate Sermon  
Dr. Douglas Johnston, speaker, pastor of Sylvania Heights Baptist Church of Miami, Florida

Mon., June 3—Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Tues., June 4—Thirtieth Graduation  
Dr. Herman Hoyt, speaker, president of Grace College and Theological Seminary of Winona Lake, Indiana





College representatives are shown as they took part in the ground-breaking ceremony on March 13 for two new dormitories. Participants are, left to right: Robert Norris, past chairman of the Rhea County Advisory Committee; William Cather, assistant director of maintenance; Dr. Willard L. Henning, professor of natural science; alumnus Richard Cornelius, '55, English instructor; trustee Harry Johnson, of Athens, Tenn.; and Dr. Judson A. Rudd, president emeritus. This group broke ground for the men's dormitory while a similar group were digging in the area of the women's dormitory.

## Service Building Inaugurates New Construction

THEODORE C. MERCER

The breaking of ground for an 88 x 32 two-story service building in mid-February signalled the beginning of the construction program which should see the completion of two dormitories this calendar year. The much-needed and long-planned-for service building will house the maintenance, utility, and buildings and grounds departments. This structure will provide area for all trucks and other equipment to be housed on the ground floor and a storage area on the upper floor. Because of the contour of the land, both floors may be entered at ground level. The building is located east and downhill

from the north end of the main building. It is expected that this new building will be completed and occupied in about two months.

### Dormitory Loan

Final approval for the government loan described in the last *NEWSETTE* was received by wire on February 6. On assurance that the final approval would be forthcoming, the bids had been advertised for and received in January. These bids were opened in an impressive meeting held in the college lounge on January 29 and attended by representatives of the bidders, building suppliers, the government agency, the architects' firm,

along with students, faculty, trustees, alumni, and townspeople.

Eight bids were submitted ranging from \$687,800 to \$763,000 with five alternates specified. (In bidding, an alternate is a portion of a project which may be omitted or for which a substitute proposal is made and which may be accepted depending on the cost and the desire of the owner. For example, it was decided to omit a roof over the walk leading from the dormitories to the main building; this decision decreased the net bid which was accepted.)

The M. A. Tipton Construction Company of Alcoa, Tenn., was low bidder. On acceptance of three alternates of the five proposed, the net construction bid was \$622,200, of which \$600,000 will be covered by the government loan. This figure does not include architectural engineering services.

### Loan Agreement

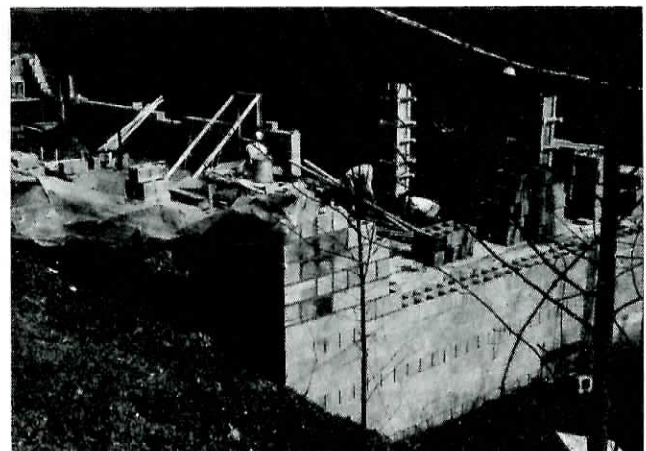
The next step was approval of the loan agreement which under the rules necessitated the calling of a special meeting of the trustees. This convened on March 7. Following this meeting, the agreement had to be accepted in the Atlanta office of the HHFA to make it final. Then final approvals were followed by the execution of the necessary documents with the contractor and certain other required papers. The pre-construction conference was held March 13. As this issue reaches Bryan friends in many places, construction on the two dormitories to house 100 students each is beginning. Completion date is planned for December with occupancy by the first of next year.

Rejoice with us!

Dr. F. R. Rogers, trustee of Dayton, looks on as ground is leveled in February for the new Service Building. Dr. Rogers present also for the ground breaking of March 13 for two dormitories, was present at the ground breaking for the administration building more than 30 years ago.



Block walls take shape above concrete footers for the two-story building to be completed for use in May.





# BRYAN LIONS POST A WINNING SEASON

The Bryan Lions ended the '62-'63 basketball season on February 23 with a 90-69 victory over John Marshall of Atlanta for a season's record of 17-15. The team travelled in seven states this year to meet a schedule of strong competition. This is the third year of the revamped inter-collegiate basketball program and each year the team has compiled a winning record.

High scorer for the season was Frank Mercer, co-captain of Central City, Ky., with a 21.4 average per game. Co-captain Wayne Dixon was second high scorer with 16.6 per game. The other three starters also scored in double figures — Oscar Perry, 13.3; Jerry Clay, 12.8; and Don Thompson, 11.

Frank Mercer was twelfth among small college performers in field goal percentage with .607. He also led the team in free throw percentage with .836. In the game against Cumberland, Mercer converted 24 out of 25 free throws and against Howard 18 of 19 attempts. Average game score was 84.2 points for a rank of 23rd among small colleges of the nation. The team freethrow percentage of .734 earned the rank of 16th in the nation.

The season's play included two distinct upsets when Bryan defeated Cumberland of Williamsburg, Ky., 85-83 in a game which saw the lead change 22 times. Cumberland had won by 17 points on their own floor earlier in the season. Bryan also upset Campbellsville of Kentucky by four points in Dayton, avenging an earlier 30-point defeat. The Campbellsville victory was especially sweet as it came on high school guest week end.

The team has been congratulated on their good conduct and sportsmanship. One restaurant owner in Georgia told a man, who happened to be a Chattanooga resident and a friend of the College, that he had just had a ball team from Bryan College there for a meal and that they were the best behaved team he had ever served. A coach of one of the opponent teams was impressed by the conduct of the Bryan fellows and inquired about the Christian stand of the College. He commented that the Bryan team was the outstanding Christian team to visit their campus this year.



The Bryan Lions pose for a final picture at the close of a successful season. In the front row, left to right are: George Liner, Floyd Dilling, Jerry Clay, Wayne Dixon, Ralph Heath, and Coach Jewett; back row, Dennis Wilkins, manager, Oscar Perry, Lonas Stubbs, Don Klees, Don Thompson, and Ryland Donald.

## BIBLE CONFERENCE (Continued from page 1)

American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem, Jordan.

### Mr. Martin

Mr. Martin earned his bachelor of arts degree at Shelton College, the bachelor of religious education at Biblical Seminary, and a master's degree at New York University. He is currently enrolled in a doctoral program at NYU. He has been an ordained minister since 1951 and is a member of the Conservative Baptist Association of America.

Mr. Martin has attracted considerable national attention for his work in the field of religious cults. He has been named by *Christianity Today* as "the most productive evangelical scholar writing in the field of cults today." His ministry is carried on under the auspices of the Audio Bible Society of America with headquarters in Williamsburg, Pa. His publications include "The Rise of the Cults," "The Christian and the Cults," and such individual studies as "Jehovah of the Watchtower" and "The Christian Science Myth."

### Mr. Wilson

Mr. Wilson has been minister of youth and music at the First Baptist Church of Pontiac since 1954. For several years he has produced his own solo series for the Midwest Inspirational Network. The Gospel Echoes Trio has two albums of recorded music. Mr. Wilson is a graduate of Northwestern College and Northwestern Seminary in Minneapolis.

## Chattanooga Track Meet Reveals Season's Potential

The Bryan track team coached by Robert Carigon, who is also a senior student, made a good showing in an early season event of the Amateur Athletic Union at the Chattanooga Indoor Track and Field Meet held in Warner Park Field House. A relay team composed of Walter Reichner, Ralph Heath, Bill Venable, and Floyd Dilling placed first in a mile relay in competition against University of Chattanooga, Middle Tennessee State, and Tennessee Tech. Each of the runners was awarded an impressive trophy by the Chattanooga Junior Chamber of Commerce which sponsored the meet.

Intercollegiate meets for the Bryan team have been scheduled for the spring season as follows:

### March

9 Berry and Southern Tech at Berry  
16 Cumberland and Univ. of Chatt. here

### April

9 Berry here  
12 Carson Newman here  
16 Sewanee there  
20 Maryville there  
23 Carson Newman there  
27 Howard College Invitational there  
4 May State Meet at Murfreesboro

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